

House File 277 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the department of public safety and unsolved
2 criminal investigations.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 80.48 Division of criminal
2 investigation — cold cases.

3 1. The commissioner shall direct the chief of the division
4 of criminal investigation to publish, on the division of
5 criminal investigation's internet site, a list containing
6 specific information about a victim involved in a cold case
7 and all currently active cold cases in which the division of
8 criminal investigation is or has been involved with in this
9 state. The information provided on the internet site shall
10 include, if available, all of the following information:

11 a. A photograph of the victim.

12 *b.* The height, weight, eye color, date of birth of the
13 victim, and, if the victim is a missing person, the date the
14 victim was reported missing.

15 c. The location where the victim was last seen.

16 d. If the victim has been missing for over five years, a
17 sketch, or an artificial intelligence aging program photograph,
18 of what the victim may look like at the victim's current age.

19 2. The division of criminal investigation's internet site
20 shall include the ability for a person to input any information
21 the person may have regarding a listed cold case.

22 3. For purposes of this section, "*cold case*" means an
23 unsolved criminal investigation that has stopped being actively
24 pursued because of a lack of evidence.

25 4. The department shall adopt rules in accordance with
26 chapter 17A to administer this section.

27 EXPLANATION

28 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
29 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

30 This bill relates to the department of public safety and
31 unsolved criminal investigations.

32 The bill provides that the commissioner of public
33 safety shall direct the chief of the division of criminal
34 investigation to publish on the division's internet site a
35 list containing specific information about a victim involved

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2 the division of criminal investigation is or has been involved
3 with in this state. The information provided shall include, if
4 available, all of the following: a photograph of the victim;
5 the height, weight, eye color, date of birth of the victim,
6 and, if the victim is a missing person, the date the victim
7 was reported missing; the location where the victim was last
8 seen; and if the victim has been missing for over five years, a
9 sketch, or an artificial intelligence aging program photograph,
10 of what the victim may look like at the victim's current age.
11 The internet site shall include the ability for a person to
12 input information the person may have regarding a listed cold
13 case.

14 The bill defines "cold case" as an unsolved criminal
15 investigation that has stopped being actively pursued because
16 of a lack of evidence.

17 The bill directs the department to adopt rules in accordance
18 with Code chapter 17A to administer the bill.